

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Horticulture Department - Operational guidelines for enhancement of input subsidy to the affected farmers of Mango & Chilli crops due to unseasonal rains/hailstorm in February, March and April 2008 - Approved -Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (HORTI.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.146

Dated:11-6-2008.

Read the following:-

From the Commissioner of Horticulture, AP.,Hyderabad,
Lr.No. P&M(2)/15/2008, dt. 25.4.2008.

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ORDER:-

In the reference read above, the Commissioner of Horticulture submitted proposal to Government that due to heavy rains/hailstorm, white pods had developed in Chilli Crops, resulting in a steep fall in prices in the districts of Prakasham, Guntur, Krishna, Kurnool, Kadapa, Mahabubnagar and Karimnagar in an area of about 1.20 lakh hectares. Similarly, mango crop was badly affected by Mangu disease in the districts of Krishna, Visakhapatnam, Khammam, West Godavari, East Godavari, Ranga Reddy and Medak in an area of about 68, 773 hectares. According to the existing guidelines under the Central Relief fund, the affected farmers are not eligible for any loss, if the damage is less than 50%. During the field visits of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the extent of loss less than 50% was brought to his consideration. He, therefore, convened a meeting on 24.4.2008 and directed the Collectors to assess the crops damaged between 20% to 50% keeping in view the guidelines prescribed in G.O.Rt.No. 2, Revenue (DM.I) Department, dated 17.4.2008.

2. The Government also considered the proposal of setting up a separate Relief Fund to meet this sort of damages to Horticulture crops and considered it necessary to ameliorate the loss sustained by the farmers in chilli and mango crops, but considered the setting up of a separate Relief Fund at State level not feasible. Therefore, Government, after careful consideration, hereby order that as one time measure, the loss sustained by the farmers in chilli and mango crops during February, March and April 2008 unseasonal rains or hailstorm, shall be compensated by evolving operational guidelines as below, if the damage is more than 20% and less than 50%.

1. Compensation will be limited to 2.00 ha for each farmer in the District.
2. Farmer wise enumeration shall be conducted by forming the teams.
with VROs/MAOs/Horticulture Officers/Tahasildars

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3. The enumeration data will be obtained in the proforma appended.
4. The Mandal level enumeration lists will be signed by the MAO/Horticulture Officer/Tahasildar.
5. The concerned Assistant Director of Agriculture/Horticulture will be the supervising Officer for the enumeration work.
6. The enumeration teams shall commence enumeration work immediately and complete the same within two weeks.
7. No Input subsidy will be payable for Agriculture land remaining unsown or fallow.
8. Assistance payable to any small farmer with tiny holding may not be less than Rs. 250/-.
9. In case of tenant farmer who is tilling the land and growing the crops in the landlord's field, the relief may be distributed to the tenant farmers in Grama Sabha.
10. As per the existing procedure of CRF, when the Government sanctions Input subsidy through Government Order, the Head of the Department in turn issues proceedings to the District Collector concerned for drawal and disbursement of the amount. The same procedure is suggested for drawal of the amounts. At the districts level the funds will be drawn and distributed by the District Collector as per the standard CRF procedure.
11. The funds will be provided pending provision of funds by supplementary grants in relaxation of Treasury Control Orders.
12. The input subsidy will be given in shape of DD/cheque to the farmers in the transparent manner in Grama Sabhas.
13. After disbursing the amount of relief to the affected farmers, the utilization certificate duly audited shall be sent by the District Collector to the Government towards the settlement of the amount drawn as per the procedure followed in case of CRF funds.
14. Scale of Financial assistance for the Crops damaged more than 20% and less than 50% due to unseasonal rains/hailstorm in February,

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March and April 2008 would be 50% of the amount of relief given in G.O.Ms.No. 2, Revenue (D.M.I) Department, dated 17.4.2008 (G.O. appended).

4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.4683/229/A2/E/08, dt. 4.6.2008.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.S.CHELLAPPA,
APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The District Collectors of Prakasham, Guntur, Krishna, Kurnool, Kadapa,
Mahaboobnagar, Karimnagar, Khammam, West Godavari, East Godavari, Ranga
Reddy, Medak and Visakhapatnam
The Commissioner of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
The Special Secretary to Chief Minister.
The Finance (R&E) Department.
The Revenue (DM.I) Department.
The P.S. to M(Agri. & Horti.)
The P.S. to APC & Prl.Secy. to Govt.ATM
The P.S. to Prl.Secy. to Govt.(Agri.).
The P.S. to Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER